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SUBJECT: RADIO/ TV HIGHLIGHTS

1. THE CHIEF FOREIGN AFFAIRS- RELATED STORIES ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 16 AND THE MORNING OF MAY 17 WERE THE WIRE TAPPING OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL STAFF MEMBERS AND THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ON FUNDING FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS STORIES WERE BROADCAST AT FREQUENT INTERVALS BUT IN A SOMEWHAT LOWER KEY.

2. ON THE WIRE TAPPING QUESTION, MARVIN KALB INTERVIEWED FORMER NSC OFFICIAL MORTON HALPERIN ON TV YESTERDAY MORNING, WITH PARTS OF THE INTERVIEW REPLAYED LATER IN THE DAY. KALB CAME BACK TO THE SUBJECT OF BUGGING ON CBS EVENING TELEVISION SHOW, PRESENTING THIS OPINION AT THE END OF BROADCAST: ..." THE LARGER QUESTION IS WHETHER THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KISSINGER' S OPERATION HAS BEEN DAMAGED BY THESE DISCLOSURES. IT IS STILL EARLY BUT THE ANSWER SEEMS TO BE YES." OTHER NEWS PROGRAMS ALSO CARRIED MATERIALS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WIRE TAPPING QUESTION PERIODICALLY.

3. THE SECOND MAJOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS STORY YESTERDAY WAS THE POSTPONEMENT OF A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MR. NIXON AND THE CONGRESS ON FUNDING OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE PRESIDENT SENT A MESSAGE TO THE

CONGRESS STATING THAT RECENT ACTIONS REGARDING CUTTING OFF FUNDS FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS ENDANGERED HIS PEACE EFFORTS IN INDO- CHINA AND UNDERMINED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THO. THE SENATE AGREED TO DELAY A VOTE ON THE CUTOFF UNTIL JUNE, IT WAS NOTED ON VARIOUS NEWS PROGRAMS.

4. EARLY MORNING RADIO BROADCASTS REPORTED THE SECRETARY IN LIMA WHERE HE HAD USEFUL TALKS.

5. OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ITEMS IN A MINOR KEY WERE AS FOLLOWS: MR. BRUCE WE LEARNED WAS WARMLY GREETED BY SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHOU AT A MODEST RECEPTION GEARED TO THE LIMITED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MEXICO HAS ARRESTED A SUSPECT IN THE LEONHARDY KIDNAP CASE. THE PRICE OF GOLD FELL, THE DOLLAR STRENGTHENED AND THE LISTENING PUBLIC HEARD FROM JANE FRIEDMAN, CBS/ PARIS, THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS PREDICTING THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR, FROM BERNARD REDMONT, GROUP W/ PARIS AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AND FROM JOHN GIBBON, CBS/ TOKYO, THAT POMPIDOU WOULD CALL FOR THE DOUBLING OF THE PRICE OF GOLD WHEN HE MEETS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR SUMMIT MEETINGS -- WEST GERMANY PREPARES FOR THE ARRIVAL OF BREZHNEV WHO WANTS AS MUCH TIME AS HE CAN HAVE WITH BRANDT AND THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE PARTY HAS ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON TO ORGANIZE FOR THE BREZHNEV- NIXON MEETING. JOE CAMELIC REPORTED FROM SAIGON FOR GROUP W THAT OFFICIALS  
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